Mapping Trans Joy

A small info zine
about a large
joy-as-resistance project

We're a group of memory workers, oral historians, and community historians

This project started when we noticed joy appears in almost every conversation we have with fellow trans folks

Joy of community
Joy in resistance
Joy through creation
Joy through acceptance and care

We gathered some friends and asked how to best prioritize these stories of joy

At the same time, attacks on trans people were reaching a fevered pitch in states across the country

We were told that we don't belong anywhere

But we know that we've always been here

We've always been everywhere

We belong everywhere

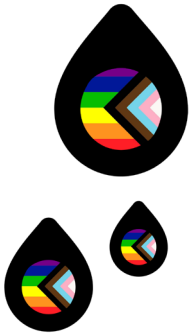
So we decided to combine stories of joy with physical locations

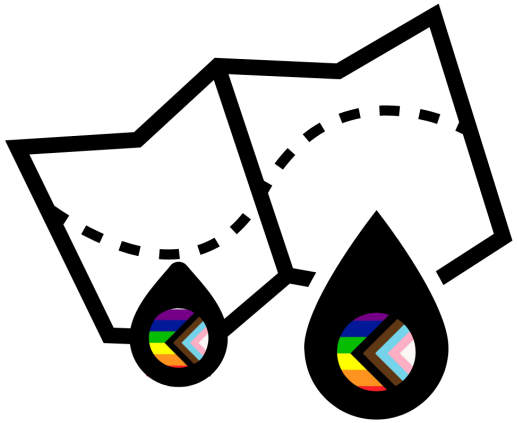
To show that we are everywhere

Explore the Joy Map
And share your stories
MappingTransJoy.org

Please note: We use 'trans' as an umbrella term to include everyone who doesn't easily identify with the gender they were assigned at birth.

Language is tricky and always shifting. If you don't consider yourself cis, we welcome you to participate!





We invite everyone who is trans / gender nonconforming / nonbinary / two-spirit, and otherwise cisn't to share joy through the website **MappingTransJoy.org**
you can share your joy through videos, audio, or text and you can see the joy that others have shared

We know this will never be enough

We know there are people who cannot contribute due to safety concerns and the technology is itself a barrier to some.

We know that joy itself doesn't materially shield our communities from harm

We still need mutual aid
And direct action
And all the ways we've always built community, lifted each other up and created a world in which we can thrive

And while we build this new world

We know that many tools are needed

Joy is a tool
Joy is a weapon
Joy is resistance
Joy is deserved

Joy is a love letter
to our
transcestors / siblings / children